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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ISRAELI MILITARY-ACFT IN ETHIOPIA

1. DG FONMIN, MOHAMED SCERIF SUMMONED ME AT NOON TODAY JULY 5 TO TELL ME THAT GOVT SOMALIA IN RECEIPT RELIABLE INFO THAT ISRAELI MILITARY ACFT (TYPE/NUMBERS UNSPECIFIED) HAVE ARRIVED IN ETHIOPIA. STATED HE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT SIAD ASK US TO INTERCEDE WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES URGING THEM AGAINST ANY MILITARY INVOLVEMENT WITH EPMG.

2. ON EPMG, SDR'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT MENGISTU'S INTENTIONS AND NOW CONCLUDING THAT ETHIOPIANS' SABRE RATTLING AT AN END AND EPMG PREPARING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT INCLUDING INVASION SOMALIA UTILIZING TANKS AND AIRCRAFT. I ASKED SCERIF IF SOMALI AUTHORITIES WERE DISCUSSING WAYS TO DEFUSE SITUATION WHICH
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INCREASINGLY HAS ALL APPEARANCE IMINENT HOSTILITIES BETWEEN TWO NATIONS' REGULAR ARMED FORCES. SCERIF SAID SOMALIS ARE QTE SPEAKING TO FRIENDS UNQTE URGING ALL USE GOOD OFFICES CONSUL EPMG AGAINST INITIATING MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST SOMALIA.

3. SCERIF TOLD ME THAT HE CONVOKING KENYAN CHARGE TO REVIEW SITUATION IN NFD. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SCERIF BELIEVES TENSION

BETWEEN KENYA AND SOMALI IS SUBSIDING AND SOMALI GOVT CENTRAL COMMITTEE STUDYING COURSE OF ACTION DESIGNED NORMALIZE AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH KENYA.

4. COMMENT: SCERIF UNABLE GIVE ME DETAILS ON RELIABILITY SOURCES RE ISRAELI ACFT. THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF THIS WHICH APPEARS BE HIGHLY DOUBTFUL.

5. QUESTION OF MENGISTU'S MILITARY INTENTIONS AGAINST SOMALIA AND ITS WSLF SUPPORTED GUERRILLAS MUCH HARDER ACCESS. CERTAINLY SOMALIA'S OVERT ACTIONS WERE BOUND INCITE ETHIOPIANS AND UNFORTUNATELY FOR SOMALIA IT APPEARS TO US THAT ETHIOPIAN ACTIONS MAY BE COMING MUCH SOONER THAN SIAD HAD EXPECTED. ALSO DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY UNDERSTAND HOW WE EXPECTED USE OUR GOOD OFFICES GIVEN STATE ANY LEVERAGE WE HAVE WITH ETHIOPIA.
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